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Mr Schrank is Co-founder and Chairman and CEO, ACT3 Technologies LLC, and was previously CEO of SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication)
- **Max Taylor, Non-executive Director**
Mr Taylor is currently Chairman of the Mitsui-Sumitomo Insurance London Companies, Chairman of Council of the University of Surrey, Director of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and was previously Chairman of Lloyd's of London, President of the Insurance Institute of London and Deputy Chairman of Aon Limited.

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